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NEWSLETTER OF THE DOVER/KENT COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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2020-2023 TIP Now Published

The Dover/Kent County MPO has now published its [FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan](#) on the MPO's website (www.doverkentmpo.org) and it's now open for public comment between 3/29/19 and 5/1/19 when it will be voted on by the MPO Council for adoption. The TIP is derived from the MPO's long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Projects in the TIP are ones for which the Delaware Department of Transportation wants to secure federal funding. The TIP also serves as a budgetary guide for how much money will be spent on each project. The FY2020-2023 TIP is very similar to the TIP for the previous year with these exceptions:

- DE 14 at US 113 Intersection Improvements
- Improvements to the northernmost section, US13 to DE 12, of Canterbury Road/DE 15
- 3 Bridge Repair Projects – Irish Hill Rd, Fisher's Bridge, and Quail Run
- Transit Facilities for South Frederica Park and Ride



Air Quality Conformity Report Now Published

In conjunction with the TIP, the MPO has also published its [Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report](#). The Kent County Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report was required after a February 2018 a US Court of Appeals decision against the EPA regarding the EPA's rule implementing the 2008 ozone (which was the standard used in determining our being "in-attainment"). This decision basically reverted air conformity compliance back to the 1997 Ozone standards and as a result of this court decision, 82 MPO areas were identified (the D/KC MPO is one of these 82) were being considered "not in attainment" with the 1997 Ozone standard. On October 1, 2018 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued Interim Guidance on Conformity requirements for the 1997 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) that "strongly encourages all impacted areas to make every effort to complete their 1997 ozone conformity determinations as soon as possible to prevent delays of transportation plans, programs, and non-exempt projects." Furthermore, the FHWA guidance indicated that conformity determinations for the 1997 Ozone NAAQS will be required on plan, TIP and project actions after February 15, 2019. In order to meet the FHWA Interim Guidance regarding the FY20-23 TIP, the MPO had an air conformity determination on three Regionally Significant Non-Exempt projects listed in our current FY20-23 TIP (US Route 13 Widening Phase 1; US Route 13 Widening Phase 2; and US Route 13 Connector Road, SR1, Scarborough Road C-D Roads). The report documents the Air Quality modeling process used on the three, which resulted in demonstrated conformity with the 1997 NAAQS for Ozone.

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Where We're Headed....

Air Quality Awareness Week

Delaware Air Quality Awareness Week is from April 8th – 12, 2019. The Air Quality Partnership, which includes RideShare Delaware, DART First State, Dover/Kent MPO, Chesapeake Utilities, WILMAPCO, and many others is encouraging clean modes of travel to work, such as carpooling, public transit, bicycling, walking, or telecommuting. Take a photo of your clean commute, post it to the [2019 Delaware Air Quality Awareness Facebook page](#) and use the hashtag #AQAW19, to be entered to win a DART transit pass or a gift card!

Public Participation Plan

"In accordance with 23 CFR 450.316, a [metropolitan planning organization](#) (MPO) is required to engage in a metropolitan planning process that creates opportunities for public involvement, participation, and consultation throughout the development of the [Metropolitan Transportation Plan](#) (MTP) and the [Transportation Improvement Program](#) (TIP). Under this requirement, MPOs must allow for: adequate public notice of public participation activities; review and comment at key decision points in the development of the MTP and TIP; and multiple, accessible participation formats, including electronic and in-person. The MPO should develop a collaborative and comprehensive Public Participation Plan, in full collaboration with the public and stakeholder communities, to be used in the development of the MTP and TIP, as well as to frame the strategies for public and stakeholder communication and collaboration in all phases of the planning process. The Participation Plan itself must be prepared by the MPO with a 45-day public review and comment period." Our 2019 Public Participation Plan Update will be coming soon.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

PAC Meeting

April 11

6-7:30pm

Camden Town Hall

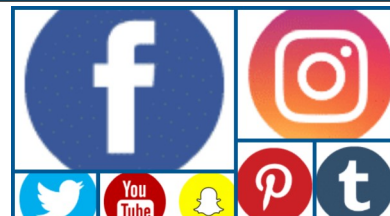
TAC Meeting

April 16

10am-12pm

Camden Town Hall

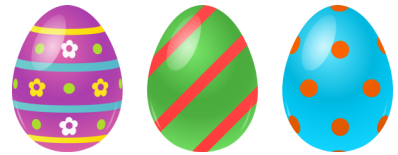
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SCRAPBOOK



The CDCC Luncheon. Jim Galvin and Helen Wiles attended.



Our Table at the Truck and Freight Summit at Chesapeake Utilities. Darien Sawicki pictured.



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Happy Easter

